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AN ORDINANCE

From His

MAIESTY,

And both Houſes of

PARLIAMENT:

For the ordering of the *Militia* of the Kingdome of *England*, and Dominion of *Wales*. Alſo for ſetting the ſame in a poſture of War, 10 *Feb.* 1642.

With the Anſwer of the Houſe of Commons, to the Kings Majeſties laſt meſſage, the ſeventh of Feb. 1641. *In defence of the ſpeech lately ſpoken by* Mr. Pym.

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WHereas there hath beene of late a moſt dangerous and deſperate Deſigne upon the Houſe of Cõmons, which we have iuſt cauſe to believe to be an effect of the bloudy Counſells of the Papiſts and

other ill affected persons, who have already rayſed Rebellion in the Kingdome of Ireland: And by reason of many diſorders, we cannot but feare they will proceed not onely to ſtirre up the like Rebellion and Inſurrections in this Kingdome of England, but alſo to backe them with Forces from abroad.

For the ſafety therefore of his Majeſties Perſon, the Parliament and Kingdome in this time of imminent Danger. It is ordered by the King, Lords and Commons now in Parliament aſſembled, that *A. B.* ſhall have power to call together all and ſingular his Majeſties Subjects, within the County of *C.* aſwell within liberties as without, that are meet and fit for the Wars, and them to traine, exerciſe and put in readineſſe, and them after their Abilitie, and Faculties wel and ſufficiently from time to time cauſe to be Arrayed and Weaponed,

and

and to take the Muſter of them in places moſt fit, and convenient for that purpoſe.

And the ſaid *A. B.* ſhall have Power and Authority within the ſaid County to nominate & appoint ſuch perſons of Quality as to him ſhall ſeeme meet to bee his Deputy Lieutenants to be approved of by both Houſes of Parliament. And that any one or more of the ſaid Deputies ſo aſſigned and approved of, ſhall in the abſence, or by the Command of the ſaid *A. B.* have Power and Authority to doe and execute within the County of *C.* all ſuch powers and authorities as before in this preſent Ordinance is contained. And hee ſhall have power to make Colonells and Captaines, and other Officers, and alſo to remove out of their places, and make others, from time to time

as he ſhall think fit for that purpoſe. And his Deputies, Colonells, and Captaines, and other Officers, ſhall have further Power and Authority to Lead, Conduct, and Imploy the Perſons aforeſaid Arrayed & Weaponed, as well within the County of C. as alſo within any other part of this Realme of England, or the Dominion of Wales, for the ſuppreſſion of all Rebellions, Inſurrections, and Invaſions that may happen, according as they from time to time ſhall receive Directions by His Majeſties Authority ſignified unto them by the Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament.

And it is further ordained, that ſuch Perſons as ſhall not obey in any of the premiſſes, ſhall anſwer their neglect and contempt to the Lords and Commons in Parliamentary way

way, and not otherwiſe, nor elſe-where: And that every the Powers granted, as aforeſaid, ſhall continue, untill it ſhall be otherwiſe ordered or declared by both Houſes of Parliament, and no longer.

This to goe alſo to the Dominion of Wales.

John Brown *Clerk. Parl.*

FINIS.

THE
Humble Anſwer of the Honourable Houſe of Commons to the Kings Majeſties laſt meſſage, the 7th *Feb.* 1641. in defence of the Speech lately ſpoken by M. *Pym.*

YOur Majeſties moſt Loyall and faithfull Subjects, the Commons now aſſembled in Parliament, have taken into their ſerious conſideration the meſſage received from your Majeſtie the 7. of this inſtant February, *And doe acknowledge that the ſpeech therein mentioned to be delivered by Mr.* Pym *in a Conference, was Printed by their Order, and that what was therein delivered, was agreeable to the ſenſe of the Houſe: And touching that paſſage wherein it is affirmed, that ſince the ſtoppe upon the Ports againſt all* Iriſh Papiſts, *by both Houſes, many of the cheife Commanders now in the head of the Rebells, have beene ſuffered to paſſe by your Majeſties immediate warrants. They preſent your Majeſtie with this their humble Anſwer.*

THat they have received divers advertiſements concerning ſeverall perſons, Iriſh and other Papiſts, which haue obtained your Majeſties immediate warrants for their paſſing into Ireland, ſince the order of reſtraint of both Houſes; Some of which, as they have beene informed, (ſince their comming into Ireland) have joyned with the Rebels, and been Commanders amongſt them, and ſome others have been ſtayed, and are yet in ſafe cuſtody: Particularly the Lord *Delvin* and foure other perſons in his Company, whereof one is thought to be a Prieſt. One Colonell *Butler* brother to the Lord *Montgarrat* now in rebellion, and Sir *George Hamilton*, all which are papiſts: and one other (as is reported) being ſonne of the Lord *Nettersfell*, whoſe father and brother are both in rebellion. The particular names of others we have not yet received, but doubt not but upon examination they may be diſcovered.

And your Majeſties moſt faithfull Subjects are very ſory, that the extreme caution which your Majeſty hath uſed, hath been ſo ill ſeconded with the diligence and faithfulneſſe of your Miniſter. And that your Royall Authority ſhould be ſo highly abuſed, although (as it was expreſt in that Speech by Maſter *Pym*) we beleeve, it was by the procurement of ſome evill inſtruments too neere your Royall perſon, without your Majeſties knowledge and intention. And we beſeech your Majeſty to take ſuch courſe, that not onely your Honour may be vindicated for the time paſt, but your Kingdome may be ſecured from the like miſchiefe from the time to come.

Read, and by Vote upon the queſtion, aſſented unto.

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